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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NORTH ATLANTIC FARES

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1. WE DELIVERED MEADOWS LETTER TO HUBBACK PM MARCH 12. LETTER HAD ALREADY REACHED HIM, HOWEVER, VIA UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON CHANNEL. HUBBACK SAID HE THOUGHT US REPLY WAS GENERALLY ENCOURAGING BUT ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT US INTENDED BY REFERENCES TO TARIFF TERMINATION DATE AND TO YOUTH FARES. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT INCLUDE ANY AMPLIFICATION ON REMARKS CONTAINED IN LETTER BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT REFERENCE TO TERMINATION DATE IN CONTEXT OF FARE IMPROVEMENTS AFTER SUMMER SEASON MIGHT ALLUDE TO SOMETHING LIKE PROPOSAL EXPLORED INFORMALLY BY SOME IATA CARRIERS TO EXPERIMENT WITH APEX FARES AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 (LONDON 2541). HUBBACK SAID HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD OF THIS PROPOSAL BUT HE SHOWED A GUARDED INTEREST IN IT. HE NOTED US AND UK WERE NOT TOO FAR APART ON SHOULDER SEASON FARES AND OPINED APEX EXPERIMENT MIGHT BE WORTH EXPLORING PROVIDED TO DO SO WOULD NOT SIMPLY REOPEN SAME CONTROVERSY THAT
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LED TO EARLIER IATA FARES CONFERENCE FAILURE.

2. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER HUBBACK' S SURPRISE RE APEX EXPERIMENT PROPOSAL WAS REAL OR FEIGNED. DTI HAS CLEARLY PLAYED SECONDARY ROLE IN FARE PROBLEM THUS FAR AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CAA AND BRITISH CARRIERS HAVE NOT KEPT DTI ADEQUATELY BRIEFED. WHETHER DTI FULLY INFORMED OR NOT, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN EXPLAINING TO UKG THE RESULTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE COME FROM CURRENT IATA MEETING. WOULD APPRECIATE, THEREFORE, SOME AMPLIFICATION OF US POSITION TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY HUBBACK.

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